

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS. 1-4. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1-4, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Amendments to the specification to correct typographical errors and formal drawings are presented. No new matter has been entered.

Pending claims 1-2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application No. US 2002/0060321 (Kazlas et al.). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter of claim 5, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable.

New independent claim 15 and the claims depending therefrom are also patentable over the cited art. In this regard, none of the cited art teaches or suggests a silicon capacitor that includes an insulator portion comprising a sandwich formed of a plurality of alternating silicon nitride layers and at least one silicon layer. Accordingly, claim 15 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable.

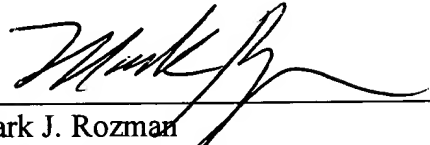
New independent claim 19 and the claims depending therefrom are also patentable over the cited art, as nowhere does the cited art teach or suggest, at least, a structure including a first nitride layer, a silicon layer located directly on the first nitride layer, and a second nitride layer located directly over the silicon layer. Accordingly, for at least this reason claim 19 and the claims depending therefrom are also patentable.

Applicant also respectfully requests an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed April 27, 2005. MPEP 609.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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